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Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly for construction into a casket bed frame for supporting a body, the~~ A casket bed frame assembly, comprising:
 - a plurality of elongate flexible members;
 - a pair of first rails each having a pair of opposing first rail ends, each of the first rail ends having an L-shaped cross-section;
 - a pair of second rails each having a pair of opposing second rail ends, wherein each of the second rail ends defines therein an L-shaped opening sized to receive one of the first rail ends allowing the rails to be assembled into a rectangular frame; and
 - a plurality of attachment sites spaced along each rail of one of the pairs of rails wherein the attachment sites are each configured for attachment of one of the flexible members thereto so that the flexible members are supported by and extend between the pair of rails for supporting [the] a body thereon.
2. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 1, wherein the L-shaped cross-section of each first rail includes a bottom flange and wherein the second rails each include a bottom surface positioned below the L-shaped opening configured to support the bottom flange of the first rail.
3. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 1, wherein each of the attachment sites includes a lance and each of the elongate flexible members has a pair of opposing ends, each of the ends defining a hole configured to receive the lance.
4. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 1, wherein the attachment sites are on the second rails.
5. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 4, further comprising at least one stretcher support having a pair of ends each crimped for attachment to one of the first rails so that the stretcher support extends between the first rails and under the elongate flexible members.

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6. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 1, wherein the elongate flexible members are elongate metal strips having corrugations formed therein.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly for construction into a casket bed frame for supporting a body, the~~ A casket bed frame assembly, comprising:

a plurality of elongate flexible members each having a pair of opposing ends, each of the ends defining therein a hole;

a pair of first rails each having a pair of opposing first rail ends, each of the first rail ends having an L-shaped cross-section;

a pair of second rails each having a pair of opposing second rail ends, wherein each of the second rail ends defines therein an L-shaped opening sized to receive one of the first rail ends allowing the rails to be assembled into a rectangular frame; and

a plurality of lances spaced along each of the second rails wherein the lances are each configured to extend through the hole at one of the ends of a respective one of the flexible members so that the flexible members are supported by and extend between the second rails for supporting [the] a body thereon.

8. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 7, further comprising at least one stretcher support having a pair of ends each crimped for attachment to one of the first rails so that the stretcher support extends between the rails and under the elongate flexible members.

9. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 8, wherein the elongate flexible members are elongate metal strips having corrugations defined therein.

10. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly for construction into a casket bed frame for supporting a body, the~~ A casket bed frame assembly, comprising:

a plurality of elongate flexible members, each of the flexible members having a plurality of corrugations including alternating ridges and grooves defined in the members;

a pair of first rails each having a pair of opposing first rail ends;

a pair of second rails each having a pair of opposing second rail ends, wherein the ends of the first and second rails are configured to interlock so as to form a rectangular frame;

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a plurality of attachment sites spaced along each of the second rails wherein the attachment sites are each configured for attachment of one of the flexible members thereto so that the flexible members are supported by and extend between the pair of rails; and

at least one stretcher support having a pair of ends each crimped for attachment to one of the first rails so that the stretcher support extends between the rails and under the elongate flexible members for supporting [the] a body thereon.

11. (Currently Amended) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 10, wherein the elongate flexible members are elongate metal strips, ~~having corrugations defined therein.~~

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An assembly for construction into a casket bed frame for supporting a body, the~~ A casket bed frame assembly, comprising:

a plurality of elongate strips, each of the strips having corrugations including alternating ridges and grooves defined in the strips;

a pair of first rails each having a pair of opposing first rail ends;

a pair of second rails each having a pair of opposing second rail ends, wherein the ends of the first and second rails are configured to interlock so as to form a rectangular frame; and

a plurality of attachment sites spaced along each of the second rails wherein the attachment sites are each configured for attachment of one of the flexible members thereto so that the flexible members are supported by and extend between the pair of rails.

13. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 12, wherein the elongate strips are elongate metal strips.

14. (Original) A casket bed frame assembly of Claim 12, wherein the elongate strips are elongate steel strips.

15. (Original) A method of constructing a casket bed frame, comprising:
interlocking a pair of first rails with a pair of second rails to form a rectangular frame including;

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engaging L-shaped ends of one of the first rails into L-shaped openings defined in one end of each of the pair of second rails; and

engaging L-shaped ends of another one of the first rails in L-shaped openings defined in another end of each of the pair of second rails; and

attaching a plurality of strips to the second rails so that the strips extend between the second rails in a generally parallel, spaced relationship.

16. (Currently Amended) A method of Claim 15, wherein attaching the plurality of strips includes positioning a hole defined on one end of each of the strips over a respective one of a plurality of lances spaced apart along one of the second~~first~~ rails and positioning a hole defined on another end of each of the strips over a respective one of a plurality of lances spaced apart along another one of the second~~first~~ rails.

17. (Original) A method of Claim 15, further comprising crimping each end of at least one stretcher support onto a respective one of the first rails before attaching the plurality of strips and wherein attaching the plurality of strips includes extending the strips over the stretcher support.